MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the Honourable Member whether the answer referred to does not refer to the question of giving grants-in aid to *vaidyans*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The principles are the same both for *giving* grants-in-aid initially and for *increasing* them later on also.

Appointment of teachers in Departmental Schools.

3. ✱ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principles adopted in making appointments as teachers in departmental schools;

(*b*) whether persons with superior qualifications are preferred to those who have acting service and, if so, the rules regarding the same;

(*c*) whether trained V. S. L. C's are preferred to persons who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination; and

(*d*) whether other qualifications being equal, teachers in grant-in-aid schools are preferred to fresh applicants?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Teachers are appointed in the order of seniority from the waiting lists.

(*b*) Yes; in exceptional cases.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The applications of teachers in grant-in-aid schools are considered on their merits along with others.

MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether, qualifications being the same, applications from teachers in grant-in-aid schools are preferred to those from raw hands?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether it is not a fact that the waiting list has been abolished?

PRESIDENT: You seem to be furnishing information, not asking for it.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I am trying to elicit information.

PRESIDENT: You ask 'Is it true that the waiting list has been abolished'?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I want to know whether it is a fact that the waiting list has been abolished.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir; not yet.

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